

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Applicants have filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 2 and 4-7 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be reconsidered in view of the following remarks:

### **Claim Rejections under Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,385,715. Applicants have filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, thereby obviating this rejection.

### **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**

Although Examiner initially quotes the text of 35 U.S.C. §102(b), Examiner subsequently states that claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e). Applicants assume the latter reference to §102(e) is a typo. Accordingly, Applicants will respond under the assumption that claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being unpatentable over Sager et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,519,841 (hereinafter "Sager").

Claim 1 has been cancelled without prejudice. Aside from the Obviousness-type double patenting rejection, claims 2-6 and 8-12 have not been rejected. To expedite prosecution of this case, Applicants have canceled claim 1 without prejudice and amended claim 7 to depend from claim 2.

Based on the argument and amendments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully submitted.

### CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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